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COMMUTERLINKSM FACT SHEET

"Know Before You Go"

Purpose	CommuterLink SM , Utah's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), is a network of resources designed to maximize the efficiency of transportation in Utah and help Utah residents "Know Before They Go." The core of CommuterLink SM is a computer-controlled system, housed at the Traffic Operations Center (TOC) in Salt Lake City and tied into city, county and transit control centers. Although CommuterLink SM cannot solve all traffic problems, it is designed to help save lives, time and resources.
Wise Use of Resources	In the past decade alone, traffic on roads and highways across the nation has increased by nearly 30 percent. The demands of increased traffic used to be met by constructing additional roads. The lack of physical space required, along with shrinking budgets, make continuous use of this option difficult. CommuterLink SM is a cost-effective and efficient option for helping relieve congestion on Utah's roads and highways.
Efficiency	Based on ITS successes in other cities, the goals of CommuterLink SM include reducing freeway delays by 30 percent, increasing peak-hour freeway speeds by 15 percent and reducing signal stops and intersection delays by 20 percent.
Safety	CommuterLink SM makes traveling along the Wasatch Front safer. The system helps emergency personnel, including the Incident Management Teams (IMT), quickly identify and respond to traffic incidents. These highly trained individuals help stranded motorists and assist the highway patrol in managing traffic around crashes.
Available Information	Through CommuterLink SM , Utahns have ready access to valuable transportation information. The traffic, weather and accident information constantly gathered at the TOC is communicated to Utah travelers via radio, television, a website, electronic message signs along the roadways and the free 511 travel information line.
Cooperating Organizations	CommuterLink SM is a cooperative effort among many organizations, including UDOT, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Utah Transit Authority, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Mountainland Association of Governments and the Department of Public Safety.

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